

Fatal Accident Sends Man to Prison

Rape and child pornography convictions also bring prison sentences

A Pennsylvania man under the influence of methamphetamines who ran a red light and caused a fatal car crash has been sentenced to prison. Deputy Attorneys General Danielle Brennan and William Leonard secured the sentence for William German, 27, of Garnet Valley, PA. In June 2017, William German was speeding and passing other vehicles in the shoulder along Route 40 in Newark when he ran a red light at Glendale Boulevard and crashed into a car driven by 61-year-old Jacquelyn Scott-Crothers of Newark. The crash killed her husband, 74-year-old John Crothers, who was a passenger and Scott-Crothers suffered serious injuries. In January 2019, German pleaded guilty to Manslaughter and was sentenced by a Superior Court judge to 5 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either work release or home confinement, then 2 years of probation. The case was investigated by Corporal Joseph Aube of the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit, and the prosecution was assisted by Department of Justice social worker Kristen Fluharty-Emory and paralegal Jaevon Owens.

A 56-year-old Georgetown man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to raping a teenager. In August 2018, the results of a paternity test showed Andrew Long was the father of a child born to a girl in 2013 when the mother was just 15 years old. Investigation found the two had sex multiple times over the course of a year. Long pleaded guilty to Rape Third Degree, and was sentenced by a Superior Court judge to 5 years in prison, including completion of the Transitions sex offender treatment program, followed by 5 years of probation. Long must also register as a Tier 3 sex offender. Deputy

Attorney General Haley King prosecuted the case with assistance from social worker Carla Ennals and administrative assistant Angie Waters.

A case prosecuted by the Child Predator Task Force has resulted in a 4-year prison sentence for a Seaford man. Thomas Rankin, 51, pleaded guilty in April to 2 counts of Dealing in Child Pornography. In June 2018, members of the task force were conducting a proactive investigation to identify offenders sharing child pornography and traced multiple suspect files being distributed from Rankin's home. A forensic examination of his electronic devices uncovered over 42,000 files of child pornography. A Superior Court judge sentenced Rankin to 4 years in prison followed by 5 years of probation. Rankin was also ordered to register as a Tier 2 sex offender.